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Alfred F. Crawford On Trial In Circuit Court For Embezzlement

Prominent Gratiot County Resident Is Charged With Misuse of Funds of State Savings Bank of Breckenridge.

Was the Cashier of Institution

WARRANT WAS BASED ON THE LARGEST SINGLE ITEM THAT AUDITORS FOUND.

The case of the people against Alfred F. Crawford of Breckenridge, formerly cashier of the First State Savings Bank of that city, who is charged with embezzling funds from the bank, was started in circuit court this morning before Judge Hart of Midland, and is expected to continue for three or four days. Judge Moinet decided not to hear the case. O. L. Smith, prosecutor, is representing the people, and Archie McCall of Ithaca and William A. Balke of this city, the defendant.

Crawford was arrested on February 14 following an audit of the books of the First State Bank of Breckenridge by Chief Deputy Bank Examiner Conway and Leo F. Kalar, examiner, who claimed to have found several different shortages in the books of the company, the largest single item of which was said to be about \$2,000.

Immediately following the audit, which uncovered the alleged shortages in the affairs of the bank, the total amount of which is said to approximate about \$36,000, Chief Deputy Conway asked for the warrant for Crawford, the warrant charging only the single item of about \$2,000. Crawford was arraigned immediately following his arrest and placed under bail of \$5,000.

The case is creating great interest because of the standing that Crawford has held in the county for almost a quarter of a century, and it promises to be one of the hardest fought legal battles that Gratiot county has seen in many years.

Senior Play a Fine Production

The Senior Class play, "A Tailor-Made Man," given at the Strand theatre Monday evening by the graduating class at Alma College, was without a doubt the most successful presentation of the kind that has ever been given in this city.

The work of Lee M. Sharraz was without a doubt the most marked of any members of the cast. He took the part of John Paul Hart, the second assistant, in a highly able manner, giving every evidence that he has mastered the principals of dramatics to no small degree.

Gordon French as Mr. Haber, the tailor; Miss Virginia Blick as Tanya, the tailor's daughter; Lyle DeBarnhart as Dr. Sonatag; Margaret Moore as Jessie Duggan; Esther Friedrich as Mrs. Stalaw; and Percis Robinson, as Miss Shayne, the up-to-date typist, were also featured in the production.

Considerable credit for the success of the production must be given to Professor Roy Hamilton, who trained the cast; and to Lee Sharraz and French in the provisions that they made for the stage effects and properties which added much in the creation of a superb production.

BARTLEY-CALL WEDDING

A pretty informal wedding occurred on Friday, June 10, at Mason when Mr. Hugh Bartley and Miss Daisy Ione Call were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed in the Baptist church of that place by the pastor and was attended only by the immediate relatives of the bride and groom and a few intimate friends. The bride was tastefully gowned in white organdy and was attended by her twin sister, Miss Violet Call, as maid of honor. Mr. Harvey Safe acted as best man. The groom is a well known Alma boy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Bartley. The bride is commissioner of schools of Ingham county, a position which she has filled with great credit. The happy couple are spending a few days at Pleasant Lake, after which they will start for an extended trip in the west. Their many friends join in wishing them a life of happiness and prosperity.

Buy your hats now and save money at the Louise Hat Shop, Woodworth avenue.—advertisement.

Attorney Clark Seeks the Place

Attorney Romaine Clark of St. Louis, who has twice in the past been a candidate for the nomination for prosecuting attorney on the Republican ticket, is again seeking the place as Gratiot's prosecutor.

When O. L. Smith resigns as prosecuting attorney to take up his new work as one of the assistant attorneys general of Michigan, it will be the duty of Judge E. J. Moinet of the judicial circuit to appoint a successor to Smith. Mr. Clark hopes to secure the appointment.

The first time that O. L. Smith sought the nomination as the Republican candidate for prosecuting attorney Clark opposed him and was defeated in a warm race. Last fall, with the expectation that Smith would not be a candidate, Clark again entered the race. When Smith was prevailed upon by friends to again enter the fight for the office Clark did not expect to secure the nomination and did not put up much of a campaign.

The St. Louis man, who has many friends in Alma, and other places in the county, feels that in view of custom in making appointments to county offices in the past, he is the logical man for the place. His friends also take this view and hope that Judge Moinet will see fit to appoint him to the office.

It is understood that a petition is going the rounds of the lawyers of the county asking that Clark be appointed to the place.

SHARP GIVEN LOVING CUP

BAPTIST SCHOOL GIVES HIM LOVING CUP AS FITTING TOKEN.

A unique feature of the Children's Day exercises at the First Baptist church last Sunday was the presentation of a beautiful loving cup to Mr. L. A. Sharp, by the Sunday school.

The presentation of the cup was made by Mr. E. C. Crandell, in a few impressive words, in which he called attention to the fact that Mr. Sharp had served as the superintendent of the Sunday school of the Baptist church continuously for thirty-two years.

During this period of a full generation Mr. Sharp has seldom been absent from his place at the church service, has filled the office of deacon almost continuously, has been an officer in the church and one of its members during all this time.

Few conventions in this part of the country in which the Baptist church is interested get by without Mr. Sharp appearing at them.

These many years of service have seen the Baptist Sunday School grow from just a small handful of people in what is now the United Brethren church to a splendid company meeting each week in the beautiful church with its new auditorium, at the corner of State and Hastings streets.

What a splendid service it has been. True Mr. Sharp has now given over the work of superintending the Sunday school into other hands, but he is still an active worker in the church. The immediate objective is a pipe organ, and it is predicted that before many more months the Baptist congregation with Mr. Sharp leading, will be singing to the accompaniment of such an instrument.

Such loyalty to a church is seldom met with in a layman, busy with the affairs of every day life, and it is the hope of his friends that he may give many more such useful years to the church, the college and to his community.

White Shrine Initiates Many

Tuesday, June 14, marked a real red letter day for the St. Alma White Shrine.

A class which numbered 94 was initiated during the afternoon and 51 in the evening, making the largest class that has ever been taken into the lodge at one time, and possibly one of the largest classes that any White Shrine lodge in the state has taken in. A sumptuous dinner was served to nearly 300 people at 6:30. The dining room was beautifully decorated in the colors of the order, white and yellow. Bernice Eutore, S. W. H. P., of Kalamazoo, and Lulu other people from out of the city.

The Grand Worthy Matron, Frances Bell Watson, of the O. E. S., was initiated at the evening session.

BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS WAS A SPLENDID ONE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WAS CROWDED FOR OPENING OF COMMENCEMENT WEEK.

President Crooks Gave the Address

Sunday evening President H. M. Crooks of Alma College delivered the baccalaureate address to the graduates of the College in the class of 1921 at the Presbyterian church. The address was based upon the text, "He that believeth shall not make haste." The church was crowded for the annual address which was well received by the audience.

The address followed: "Ours is a hurried age. That seems better than to say it is an age of hurry. To say that it is an age of hurry would seem to indicate that the hurry is studied and intentional with definite purpose and design, but humanity seems rather to be pushed and crowded and made to go with an unnatural and unbidden speed.

"Perhaps our means of locomotion is at fault. When horse-back was the fastest means of travel man's affairs seemed to keep pace with his greatest possible rate of speed, and then came an age of steam and man's affairs seemed to crowd him so much more rapidly. Living as we are in this age of explosive gases the automobile and aeroplane set the pace. All life seems keyed with explosive gases. We seem to live as much faster than did our grandfathers who rode on horseback as the aeroplane is faster than the saddle horse. And if one shall live in the world of automobiles and aeroplanes, he is against all currents if he attempts to lead his life as did his grandfathers. So that the age seems rather a hurried age than a hurrying age. We have conquered space, but have we in conquering space allowed ourselves to be conquered by time? Is time any longer so much of a possession that men can say they have time?

"Perhaps the change is in part due to city life. The husbandman awaited the process of nature; the fruit-grower knew that spring would swell the buds, that the summer rains would furnish the juices of the fruits and that the October sun would furnish flavor and color. Through seasons these men watched Nature work her slow processes. No hurried speech, no process of forcing, no mechanical devices could cause October's fruits to be ready in July.

The city man is used to quantity production. The whole process of city life may be symbolized by that famous moving platform where shaped metals enter at one end and soon after automobiles emerge ready to be driven off under their own power. Nature's processes are farther from us. Man has grown used to immediate results. Time is rather an enemy to be overcome than a friend to employ.

"Revolutions have always been the weapon of impatience. Ideas have grown in favor, theories have come to be held by many, and many seek to accomplish with one stroke a change in the world's opinion and consequently in the world's practice. Revolutions have doubtless accomplished more in changing the practice of the world than the opinion. Immediately after the revolution in France perhaps the idea of republicanism was weaker than the machinery of practice. Many expected a world made over by the French Revolution, and have headed many other worthy causes in that city. He is the son of Senator and Mrs. Truman H. Newberry.

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WILL CLOSE PARK EARLY

Because of various complaints that have been made to city officials in times past, it has been decided to close Wright park in the evening at 10:00 o'clock, excepting for Saturday evening, when it will be open to the public an hour longer. It is also expected that steps will be taken to put more lights in the park, so that there will not be a single place there that will be entirely dark at night.

Ground Oats \$1.50 cwt. at Daley's Feed Store.—advertisement.

Delon Ellison Died on Friday

Delon Ellison, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ellison of this city, died at the University of Michigan hospital on Friday, following a long illness. He was eighteen years of age.

About the first of the year Delon, who was widely known among the younger people of the city, was taken ill, with heart trouble. He gradually failed from that time on. For some little time he was in St. Louis taking treatments at the sanitarium there, but several days before his death he was taken to Ann Arbor to the University Hospital, but all efforts failed and he passed away on Friday.

Delon was born in Alma November 4, 1902, and had lived his entire life in this city. He attended the Alma public schools, and during the past four years has been attending high school. He was a senior in high school this year, being a member of the class of 1921.

The funeral was held from the late home on State street, Sunday afternoon at 1:30 p. m., Rev. Gelston of the Presbyterian church officiating. Interment was made in Riverside cemetery.

He is survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ellison, one sister, and a number of other relatives in this city.

HAVE NARROW ESCAPE

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Titus, of 145 Grover ave., narrowly escaped death Saturday p. m. when their horse which they were driving near the Alma plant of the Michigan Sugar company, became frightened and ran away, dashing into a buggy which was directly in front of them. Their own buggy was completely demolished and Mrs. Titus sustained injuries about the head and face. Mr. Titus was dragged for some distance, but was not seriously injured.

COLLEGE GETS NEW TRUSTEES

MRS. DODGE, C. H. BONBRIGHT, PHELPS NEWBERRY AND ROBINSON NAMED.

Alma College is continuing to acquire the service of some of the better known people of the country, whose influence is being felt in social and in educational circles throughout the United States, as members of the Board of Trustees of the institution.

Four new trustees have been added to the board of trustees recently, who rank in this class. They are C. H. Bonbright of Flint, Mrs. John F. Dodge of Detroit, Phelps Newberry of Detroit and Watson Robinson of New York.

Mr. Bonbright is one of the business leaders of Flint, and for a number of years has been prominently identified with educational and civic affairs in that city. He is president of the Imperial Wheel Company of Flint, one of the large wheel concerns of Michigan. He is a Princeton graduate.

Mrs. John F. Dodge, the widow of the late John F. Dodge, one of the brothers who gained fame as the manufacturers of Dodge automobiles, is highly interested in social and educational work, and is held in high regard in the city of Detroit. She is the fourth woman to be made a member of the Board of Trustees.

Phelps Newberry is one of Detroit's rising young men, whose Alma Mater is Yale University. He was chairman of the recent Alma College endowment drive in Detroit, and has headed many other worthy causes in that city. He is the son of Senator and Mrs. Truman H. Newberry.

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Nineteen Seniors Given Diplomas Wednesday at Annual Commencement

Two From the Department of Music and Fifteen From Kindergarten Department Received Certificates.

Several Announcements of Considerable Importance to Alma College Were Made

The annual commencement exercises of Alma College held in the chapel yesterday morning were of far more than usual interest this year, the large number of honorary degrees conferred, and the various announcements that were made relating to the future of the college, holding more than the ordinary interest of the usual commencement for the friends of the college.

The success of the college year in every way gave the trustees reason for feeling elated over the future of the college, and it is more than possible that this feeling found expression in the comparatively large number of honorary degrees that were conferred, the number of these being five. It is the largest number of honorary degrees that Alma College has ever conferred in a single year. One went to an Alumnus of Alma College, Weston T. Johnson, of San Francisco, at the present time the district superintendent of the Pacific Coast District of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church. The other four were conferred on the following Michigan pastors: Rev. William S. Hess, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Grand Rapids, Rev. David I. Sutherland, pastor of the Calvary Presbyterian Church of Detroit, Rev. George Brewster of the Grosbe Pointe Presbyterian Church and Rev. J. Roy Van Wick, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Bay City.

President H. M. Crooks made several interesting announcements that were of importance. He said that the endowment campaign had brought subscriptions of more than \$400,000 so far, and that the trustees had made plans for the continuing of the campaign until the first of the year, at which time it was expected that the amount sought might be realized. He announced that the matter of the new gymnasium had been referred to the building committee by the trustees, which was to report at a special meeting of the Board of Trustees in September as to the amount of money available for the purpose and the cost of construction at that time. It was also stated that the matter of remodeling the structure matter of remodeling the present old gymnasium building had been referred to this committee to report at that time as to the cost of remodeling the structure into a chemistry building.

Announcement was made that petitions had been received asking that the Board of Trustees reconsider its action of a year ago relative to the abolishment of the Kindergarten Department, and that the Board had reaffirmed its decision at that time.

Announcement was also made of the resignation of Dean Sara Pollock and that Dean Roberts, who has been on leave for the past year because of illness of her father, will return next year.

Following the academic procession from Wright hall, the commencement exercises were opened by the invocation by Rev. James M. Barkley, D.D., LL.D., chairman of the Board of Trustees. The Girls' Glee Club then gave a musical number, and President H. M. Crooks introduced the speaker, James Schermerhorn, editor of the Detroit Times, who spoke on the subject, "Our Altars and Our Fires."

In his address Mr. Schermerhorn said that many men in the country were crying out because their balances during the past year were run— (Continued on page two)

Miss Mildred Sweet Married Yesterday

Miss Mildred Sweet of this city, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Sweet, was united in marriage at 6:00 p. m. Wednesday, at the home of her parents to Mr. Ward H. Youngquist of Escanaba. The wedding took place in the presence of only a few intimate friends and relatives. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Gelston.

The home was prettily decorated in ferns and roses for the wedding. The bride was dressed in a blue traveling suit, and was attended by Mrs. Glen Campbell. Mr. Campbell attended Mr. Youngquist.

They will make their future home in Escanaba, where the groom holds a responsible position. Enroute to Escanaba they will visit for several days in Grand Rapids and Chicago.